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H. R. 3515

To amend title 38, United States Code, to exclude from income, for purposes of determining annual income for veterans' non-service-connected disability pension, amounts received by a veteran from any judgment or settlement of a claim for damages against the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 1998

Mr. EHRLICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXCLUSION FROM DETERMINATION OF AN-**
2 **NUAL INCOME FOR NON-SERVICE-CON-**
3 **NECTED DISABILITY PENSION OF AMOUNTS**
4 **RECEIVED PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OR**
5 **SETTLEMENT AGAINST THE SECRETARY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1503(a) of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (9), by striking out “; and” at
9 the end and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon;

10 (2) in paragraph (10), by striking out the pe-
11 riod at the end and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”;
12 and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(11) amounts equal to amounts received by a
16 veteran by reason of a judgment against the Sec-
17 retary in a civil action for claims for damages of
18 \$25,000 or less brought pursuant to section 1346(b)
19 of title 28 or a settlement or compromise under sec-
20 tion 2672 or 2677 of title 28.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 this section shall apply with respect to awards or settle-
23 ment of claims for damages against the Secretary of Vet-
24 erans Affairs that become final on or after the date of
25 the enactment of this Act.